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A SHOWER OF PENNIES: It arrived mostly in pennies, but there were also some loonies, nickels and dimes in the buckets, when the students of Archie Stouffer Elementary school were challenged to collect loose change for the Haliburton Highlands Health Service Foundation Capital Campaign. The project, co-ordinated by the Junior Kindergarten classes, resulted in students scouring kitchen counter tops, dressers and searching behind sofa cushions to gather a donation of \$617.24, or almost a dollar a student. The

penny collection was held in conjunction with the one hundredth day of the school year. School Principal Rosie Kenney topped up the donation with a pledge of ten cents for every dollar raised, while the senior students added \$118 raised at their Valentine's Day dance. Surrounded by the members of the Junior Kindergarten classes; parent volunteer Cheri Hicks and JK student Dakotah Francis last week presented Foundation Chair Gord Monk with a pail filled with the proceeds.

\$5.1 M approved for SSFC expansion

"We're getting a new campus," said Brian Desbiens, enthusiastically.

The president of Sir Sandford Fleming College was referring to the announcement from the Ontario Ministry of Education of \$27.45-million in funding for Fleming campuses in Peterborough, Lindsay and Haliburton.

Haliburton's share is \$5.1-million, which will go toward the construction

of a new campus in the village.

"It's terrific news," Desbiens said.

Those thoughts were repeated by Barb Bolin, campus operations leader in Haliburton. "This is wonderful news," she stated. "It will be great to be able to consolidate all of our courses under one roof."

Desbiens noted that the college will have to do some fund-raising as

well, but he added, "It's going to happen and that is very exciting."

The municipality of Dysart et al will be a partner in the venture. It is donating the land for the new campus, a small section of Glebe Park. Details are still being worked out to make sure the other park features, such as snowmobile and Nordic ski trails aren't adversely affected. The Dysart contribu-

tion of the land and municipal services will be included as part of the public portion of the expansion. A study is currently under way to determine the area's capacity for fund-raising.

Plans for a new campus in Haliburton have been in the works for some time, but the funds had not been com-

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Police investigating snowmobile, ATV thefts

Police believe that a truck was used to remove a snowmobile and ATV from a Snowdon residence sometime between February 18 and 21. The value of the missing items was estimated at \$10,000.

According to the police, the machines were removed after a chain and an alarm cable had been cut. The alarm had been disabled. The theft occurred on Milburn Road and was reported to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police on February 22.

Missing is a 1996 model Polaris XCR snowmobile and a 1998 yellow Honda ATV.

Anyone with information concerning this or other thefts in the area is asked to call the local detachment at 705-286-1431 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-563-8477.

Break-ins

An ice hut on Gull Lake near Deep Bay Road was broken into for the second time this season. The police were called to the location February 21.

Taken in the incident was a three burner stove and five feet of pressure hose with brass fittings.

Police are also investigating a break-in at a cottage on Glamor Lake Road in Glamorgan Township. A VCR and other small items were removed from the premises. The break-in was reported February 20.

Charges laid

A 23 year old male has been charged with assault causing bodily harm following an incident February 20 in Wilberforce. According to the police, a verbal argument between the male and his 25 year old sister escalated and the man struck the woman, pushing her to the ground.

The woman was treated at Haliburton Hospital and released.

The male, who police have not identified, will appear in court in Minden on April 5.

Collisions

A snowmobile driver sustained minor injuries when the machine he was driving collided with a parked snowmobile on Sumcott Road in Harcourt Park. The driver, 41 year old Karen Chambers of Oshawa, was taken to Haliburton Hospital for treatment and released. The incident occurred on February 19.

Another snowmobile driver, 40 year old William Beale of Toronto, sustained minor injuries when his machine collided with a tree. The incident occurred on February 19 on a trail near Highway 121 between Minden and Haliburton.

The driver was taken to Haliburton Hospital and

was later transported to Peterborough Civic Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Police report he was released from Hospital February 21.

Grass busts

Victoria County OPP report two charges of possession of a controlled substance were laid during the past few weeks.

In the first instance, a driver was stopped on Highway 35 in Bexley Township. When the officer talked to the driver he noted the smell of marijuana and a search revealed a small quantity of marijuana cigarettes.

Charged with possession is 38 year old Pierre Boyer of Toronto. The accused is scheduled to appear in Lindsay Court March 16.

In the other incident, an officer noted a vehicle being operated in an erratic fashion on County Road 121 in Fenelon Township. When speaking to the driver, the officer detected an odour of marijuana. A search found a small quantity of the controlled substance.

Charged with possession is 43 year old Craig Buzzell of Snowdon Township. He is scheduled to appear in court in Lindsay on March 2.

L-o-n-g arm of the law finally convinces intruder to move on

An intruder was finally chased from the front of the IGA store in Minden Friday, but not before leaving its familiar and fragrant calling card.

Police and MNR staff were called to the store to assist with the apprehension.

A skunk had taken up a position near the front door of the store early Friday, providing an interesting challenge for some of the staff arriving for work. Concerned that the animal might slip into the building, the local minions of the law were called to enforce the no trespassing restrictions. Staff Sergeant Bob Walli arrived in a cruiser and bombarded the skunk with blasts from the car horn and shrieks from the siren but were unable to convince the black and white squatter to move on.

Ministry of Natural Resources Conservation Officer Steve Murray was next on the scene. Using a very, very long prod, the skunk was finally convinced that its presence was not needed as a greeter. The animal was shuffled off to nearby brush, but not before leaving behind several of its pungent calling cards as a way of letting everyone know that, like Kilroy, it had been here.

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Green light for Haliburton SSFC expansion

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mitted to allow the project to get started. Preliminary blueprints have been drafted, but now that the government has made the commitment, the dream will become a reality and the real planning can get under way.

"I want this thing to be a jewel," Desbiens said.

Bolin said that while the development of the campus is still on the planning board, expansion of existing programs such as the eco-tourism and adventure tourism courses will probably be a part of the new campus. She also said the popular School of Fine Arts would be expanded. "We will build on our strengths."

"I am really pleased we were chosen. It was a tough competition with a lot of colleges presenting proposals to the government," she added.

Desbiens said a lot of credit for the local funding goes to the two area MPPs. They lobbied for money to help Fleming grow and expand within their ridings.

"We got great support from our local politicians, Gary Stewart and Chris Hodgson," Desbiens said. "It would have been easy for the government to give the funding to Toronto. This will allow rural colleges to grow and develop."

"The new campus will be very good for economic development in the area," Desbiens added.

A new facility, which will provide about 37,000 square feet of space in Haliburton, will generate a considerable increase in the number of students who will come to the area. That, in turn, will mean increased revenues for local businesses.

Bolin noted that the government will make the money available to the college immediately, even though construction may be some time away. In the interim, the college will benefit from the interest the money will earn, expanding the potential pool of funds. The college has five years to spend the money.

She said Sir Sandford Fleming College has a number of construction projects under way at its Peterborough and Lindsay campuses, so the timing of



The Sico Centre, located in a 71 year old elementary school, will be replaced by the new Sir Sandford Fleming College campus planned for Glebe Park in Haliburton.

the work in Haliburton has yet to be determined, but a plan should be in place within the next few weeks.

The funding comes from the newly formed Ontario SuperBuild Corporation, which was formed to spearhead the development of public and private investment partnerships. Along with the provincial government, the partners in the Haliburton campus project include the Municipality of Dysart et al, Bell Canada, Nortel Networks and the Friends of Sir Sandford Fleming Foundation.

The new Haliburton campus will replace the Sisco Centre, which is a 71 year-old four room school house.

"This investment will provide new opportunities and create up to 3,000 new spaces (total for the three centres) by the year 2004," said Haliburton-Victoria-

Brock MPP Chris Hodgson. "It will ensure that students have access to a quality post-secondary education at Sir Sandford Fleming College's three campuses."

Through SuperBuild, the Ontario government is spending a total of \$742-million this year to modernize universities and colleges to meet future demands.

"Our investment will revitalize our colleges and universities so that Ontario students receive the high quality education they deserve," said Dianne Cunningham, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities.

"I'm ecstatic," said Bolin, who has been with the college for 27 years. "Over the years we have spent a lot of time and energy dreaming about this. It is great to see it about to become a reality."

Violent crimes decrease

Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police staff sergeant Bob Walli attended the meeting of Anson, Hindon and Minden council to update the figures regarding police service over the past year.

The good news was that violent crimes were down 18 per cent in 1999 from 1998. The number of accident calls was down in Anson, Hindon and Minden, which was unique in the county.

With less favourable news, property crimes were up by a whopping 64 per cent -- from 50 in 1998 to 82 in 1999. Overall, calls for service were up seven per cent.

OPP officers responded to 85

false alarms in the municipality in 1999.

Overall, Walli said he is "very happy" with the way the Highlands detachment is operating. He pointed out that the detachment now has a full compliment of officers and the morale is good, especially since it has its own identity as a stand-alone detachment.

"Council has been very supportive," he said.

Reeve Jeanne Anthon said the community response has been very good.

"I've heard nothing but positive comments about our own detachment in the county," she said.

Guides day care plan questioned by council

Representatives of the First Minden Girl Guides approached Anson, Hindon and Minden council asking for the use of the Girl Guide/Boy Scout room at the community centre for a fund-raising project.

The Guides planned to use the room to run a day-care during the March break. The service would, according to plan, raise money for a trip to Toronto's Sky Dome for a weekend in April. The fund-raiser is intended to help offset the cost of meals while the Guides are there. They are not allowed to take food with them to Sky Dome.

Two members of council said they had heard from other day-care providers, expressing concern that the Guides' proposed fund-raiser would hurt their business.

Councillor Daryl Moore had some reservations about the proposal's potential to earn any money given the fact that the municipality would require an insurance policy to cover the operators' liability, as well as that of the municipality.

"The cost of the insurance would likely be more than you would make,"

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Weather plays havoc with Minden's first Snowfest



When Mother Nature doesn't co-operate it can be difficult to generate the enthusiasm needed to carry off an outdoor event. That was the situation the Minden Business Association faced this weekend as balmy temperatures turned the area's snow and ice into water.

The organization's community Snowfest melted away with the disappearing snow. Ski and snowshoe races were cancelled, it was difficult to construct snowmen with mild temperatures. Even the ice car racers cancelled their weekend events.

Despite the unseasonable conditions, the organizers made a valiant effort to generate some enthusiasm in downtown Minden. The Main Street was closed to traffic and displays were set up. A giant snowman wandered the street greeting children. Balloons were distributed. However with the essential ingredient missing, by mid afternoon the Snowfest was called off.

Those who did make it downtown had an enjoyable time, taking advantage of specials offered at area stores and taking

Two youngsters sport balloons during Snowfest, while a costumed snowman greets downtown visitors on Saturday.



Council rejects 3 bag limit, see-through sacs

A recommendation by the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) that the five-bag per trip limit at the municipality's landfill sites should be lowered to three didn't meet with council's approval.

The EAC suggested that lowering the limit would help to encourage recycling. It also said "city folks think the five bag limit is a joke (as in too high)."

Councillor Daryl Moore noted that "not everybody goes to the dump every week." Moore said that he usually waits until he has five bags before he goes to the dump, especially in the winter months.

It was also noted that most "city folks" have

curbside pickup of their garbage two or three times a week.

The distance taxpayers live from the landfill site often dictates the frequency of trips as well.

The EAC also noted that some municipalities require the use of clear garbage bags so landfill attendants can visually inspect the contents to make sure that no recyclables are being thrown out with the garbage. During discussions with Scotch Line Landfill Site manager Bob Robinson, EAC members were told that he has no authority to inspect garbage bags as they come in.

Council members also agreed that it would be impractical for an attendant to inspect every garbage bag that is taken to the dump.

It was agreed that efforts should be made to educate the public about what is recyclable and to emphasize the importance of recycling as much as possible to extend the life of the landfill sites to the maximum.

The EAC also recommended rearranging the placement of the recycle bins to minimize the chance of a bottleneck, which might discourage people from recycling.

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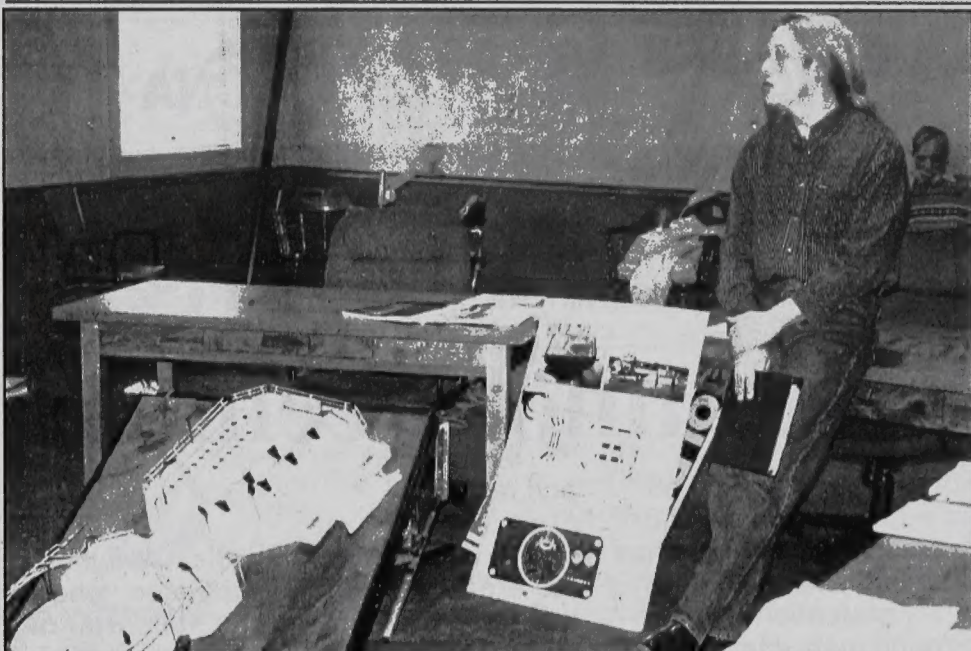
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Andy Hillo brought a scale model of Star Map Platform to the February County council meeting. The artist is looking for financial backing to develop his project and a remote site on which to build it.

Artist sets his sights high

Andy Hillo isn't your average stargazer. The Wilberforce area artist, who is best known for his sculptures of the dragonfly at Cardiff, the giant sawyer at the museum in Stanhope and the mural at the Minden Library, has an elaborate plan to build what he calls a Star Map Platform. And he has a scale model to illustrate his vision.

His plan proposes the open-air facility would be a combination observatory and entertainment venue.

Hillo brought his scale model to the February meeting of Haliburton County council asking for council's financial support to help get the project off the ground. He asked council for \$5,000. The estimated cost to build the Star Map Platform is \$400,000.

Hillo said he has one backer who is interested in financing one third of the construction cost.

"I have self-financed it (the plans) for 10 years," he said.

One of the stumbling blocks is location. In order to be feasible, the project would have to be in a remote location, away from any source of artificial light.

He proposes to use red lights at the site, which would not impair the observer's night vision. He has spoken to magazine publishers who specialize in astronomy and he says they have been very interested in his proposal. At least one has expressed an interest in publishing an article on the project.

Hillo told council the remote areas of Haliburton are among the best places in the world to build such an observation platform.

He asked for suggestions regarding the placement of the facility and wondered if any municipality would be interested in donating a few acres for the project. The approximate dimensions of the finished platform would be 48 by 16 metres. It would take about a year and a half to build and would operate for five months of the year.

Hillo is convinced that if he builds it, they will come.

Council made no commitment to provide the \$5,000 Hillo requested, but warden Jeanne Anthon said the request would be given consideration during budget deliberations.

Day care plans reviewed

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he noted.

It was stated that a waiver form had been drawn up and was being reviewed

Ag society elects exec.

At the recent Annual Meeting of The Minden Agricultural Society, sponsors of the Haliburton County Fair, the following were elected for the next 12 months.

Maxine Snell, Harry McKee, Wayne Henderson, Karen Rainey, Mike Kitcheman, Lou Trepanier, Don Freeman, Sue Eskelin, Laura Ridsdale, Paul Walker, Geoff Robinson and Bill Payne. At the first meeting of these directors the following officers were appointed. President - Paul Walker, First Vice-President - Geoff Robinson, Second Vice-President - Laura Ridsdale, Secretary - Mary Minto, and Treasurer - Gwen Robinson.

by a local lawyer, but Reeve Jeanne Anthon pointed out that waivers offer little or no protection from civil action if an incident occurred where a child was injured. That is why the municipal policy requires the provision of insurance for functions that take place on township property.

Moore suggested that the group approach the owner of the room in the old IGA building on Main Street which was previously used by the Protocol group. He suggested that by using a privately owned facility, the Guides may avoid the need for insurance.

The Guide representatives were asked if they had other fund-raising ideas and they replied that they did. The idea of a day-care was well received by the Guides themselves, which is why the leaders decided to investigate the possibility.

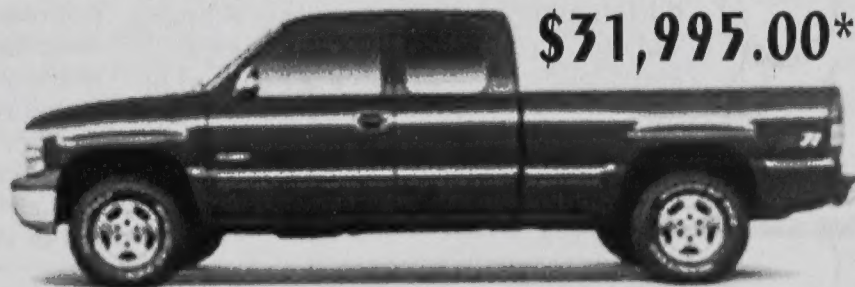
Council passed a resolution stating that the municipality had no objection to the Guides using the room at the community centre as long as proof of adequate insurance was provided and that the municipality be named on the policy.

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Editorial

Letters

Good news in college announcement

There was good news for the Village of Haliburton and the county as a whole last week. The long-awaited announcement regarding government investments in community colleges across the province, included a \$5.1 million capital building allocation for the Haliburton campus of Sir Sandford Fleming College. Propitiously, the announcement follows closely on the heels of an agreement among members of the community as to the location of the new campus, which will involve the construction of a building some 35,000 square feet.

The expenditure certainly makes sense from an educational perspective, since the Haliburton campus has developed an enviable record in providing community educational opportunities, year-round instruction in tourism oriented fields and a very popular school of fine arts. All this despite its lack of an adequate permanent home. Building on these solid foundations, this campus has much to offer in the world of education. Economically, the creation of a permanent campus of this size will be a major shot in the arm to the village

and region.

The announcement reflects well on the area's MPP, Chris Hodgson, who has always been a strong supporter of the college. It also vindicates years of hard work, building and dreaming on the part of campus principal Barb Bolin. She has never wavered in her belief that the presence of the college in Haliburton could be much stronger and more permanent than it was. Her years of convincing paid off with the announcement last week. Good news indeed.

jb

Restructuring comments appreciated: MPP

Editor:

Recently there has been much discussion regarding the appointment of a Commissioner for the restructuring of Victoria County.

Over the past several years our local governments have been reviewing and discussing the possible solutions for restructuring. After having discussed

numerous options, our municipal leaders were unable to come to a consensus, resulting in a request from two local municipalities.

Under *Bill 26, 1995*, a solution had to be achieved locally, or if it was felt that this could not be achieved, a commissioner would be requested. This protected areas like Victoria County from having a made in Queen's Park solution forced upon them.

With the request for a commissioner coming from a democratically elected Township of Emily, with support from the Town of Lindsay, Professor Harry Kitchen was appointed on December 15, 1999 by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

The commission operates at arms-length from the government, and the decision of the commissioner is binding. However, I am confident that Mr. Kitchen, who knows the area well, will address the various possibilities for restructuring and arrive at a solution that will meet the needs of Victoria County.

As Commissioner, Mr. Kitchen's primary mandate was to listen to the various opinions and suggestions on restructuring. This resulted in a draft report issued earlier this month that outlines three options for the future structure of Victoria County. Over the past month, as required by the commission, Mr. Kitchen has provided numerous opportunities for input on these proposals.

While I appreciate everyone taking the time to inform me of their opinions on this matter, as the commission was locally requested, and the decision of the Commissioner is binding, I would encourage those people with comments to contact the Commissioner directly. Mr. Kitchen is available at (705) 748-1220 or by email at <hkitchen@trentu.ca>.

Let me say that I will be sure to pass along all of the information that has come into my office and I will do my best to ensure that Mr. Kitchen is aware of everyone's varied interests in this matter. I look forward to working on behalf of the residents of our area on this and many other matters.

Chris Hodgson, MPP
Haliburton, Victoria-Brock

Clean, small, quiet

The following is an open letter to the Stanhope Municipal Council:

I recently found out that little Kabakwa (Peach) Lake was to be further crowded by boat launching facilities and a parking lot - and this at taxpayers' expense.

I bought my cottage on Kabakwa Lake in 1977 specifically because it was clean, small and quiet. To my dismay the number of cottages increased, the big boats came and so did the waterscooters. There was an increase in noise, reckless use of boats and skis, pollution and harm done to wildlife (e.g. loons, fish).

Needless to say, the quiet has been shattered and the cleanliness destroyed. My stress level went way up and I began thinking about moving - as does at least one other cottager on Kabakwa.

I pay taxes and I deserve to have input on how they are spent. You are familiar with the saying "No taxation without

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Wonderful photo, smiling headlines

Editor:

Two things about page 3 of the February 14 edition of *The Times*:

1. That was a wonderful photo of Archie Stouffer Elementary School vice principal Mr. Bothwell receiving the applause of the kids and teachers. It is so refreshing to see such a thoroughly nice, warm and positive picture in any paper.

2. Whoever writes your headlines must have a great sense of humour. I laughed out loud on reading "Pool committee polls community" Clever!

Running a close second, on page 14, "Forming a high school alpine team seems to be an uphill battle". Same person I wager.

Thanks for an always enjoyable read, albeit from afar.

C. Ian P. Tate,
Port Hope and Kinmount.

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Canada's War Museum: preserving the past for future generations

by J. L. Granatstein, Director and CEO of the Canadian War Museum

There are 114,000 soldiers', sailors', and airmen's graves bearing the Maple Leaf in cemeteries around the world — a terrible testimony to this nation's efforts in war and in peacekeeping operations.

Canadians have paid for the peace and freedom in which they live, and our war memorials in every city and town proudly proclaim that we will always remember.

And we do — once a year a minute of silence on Remembrance Day. Regrettably, Canada is a nation without much historical memory. The major purpose of the Canadian War Museum — located on Sussex Drive in Ottawa between the National Gallery and the Royal Canadian Mint — is to serve the nation's remembrance by acting as the repository for the artifacts and records of our military past. The Museum's collection is superb: 13,000 paintings, including dozens by the Group Of Seven and 400 by Alex Colville; an extensive uniform collection which includes the coat General Brock was

wearing when he was killed during the opening months of the War of 1812; weapons by the thousands; archival collections donated by soldiers, sailors, pilots and nursing sisters; and medals galore — including those of Billy Bishop and Billy Barker.

The Museum's exhibits are good and getting better, and the educational outreach and publication efforts of the staff are impressive by any standard.

So what's wrong?

The Canadian War Museum is housed in an old Public Archives building, almost a hundred years old. The humidity is too high one day and too low the next. The electrical system, elevators, washrooms, and stairwells are all below code, and that's our good building! The Museum's offsite collections storage facility, Vimy House, was nothing less than an old streetcar barn. It holds 98 percent of the Museum's half-million artifacts in a drafty, leaky building that is completely inadequate — indeed dangerous — for the survival of a world-class collection. Canada's military history is literally in danger of disappearing into dust and mould.

What does it matter if the country

has a new museum of military history? It matters because virtually all the Great War veterans are now dead, and the veterans of the 1939-1945 war are dying at the rate of almost a hundred per day. It matters because this country — one of the very few on Earth which has never fought a war of aggression — has a proud record of helping others in times of need. It matters because the conditions in which the present Canadian War Museum exists are, quite simply, disgraceful for a great nation. It matters because *history* matters.

A new Canadian War Museum, housing both public galleries and collections storage in a single, modern facility, will present Canada's military past to this and future generations. It will preserve the artifacts of our history. It will help Canadians understand the brutal reality that sometimes freedom must be paid for with a terrible price. Our servicemen and women today, undertaking difficult and dangerous peacekeeping and peacemaking operations around the world, know this just as well as their grandfathers did. All Canadians need to learn to remember, and a new War Museum will help them do so.

Coffee, tea or a meal in the sky

Anybody got work out there for an airplane captain? An ex-airplane captain, actually. Worked for Northwest Airlines for 22 years, right up until that fateful day last November, when, sitting in the cockpit of his Boeing 727, waiting in line to take off from Las Vegas to Detroit — he finally cracked.

It was the in-flight meal that did it. The stewardess brought two trays forward into the cockpit, one for the captain, the other for his co-pilot. The captain peeled back the tinfoil, took one look, hung up his earphones and got off the plane.

Not only got off the plane, but called for a taxi, took the taxi from the airport to a nearby restaurant, ordered a meal to go, and then taxied back to his plane. His passengers were not amused, and neither were his superiors, who sacked him for 'conduct unbecoming' etc.

But that's gotta be the last word on airline food: so bad even the staff won't eat it.

Now it must be said that, next to Revenue Canada and lawyers, dissing airline food is the cheapest laugh you can get. Everybody has a one-liner about those unidentifiable globs of gorp and goo they serve on planes. Question: Why do they serve alcohol on airplanes? Answer: So you won't mind the meal. Arf, arf.

Well, as Sam Goldwyn said, include me out. I happen to — are you sitting down? — like airplane food. When I'm flying from Vancouver to Sheep Butt,

Wyoming and some smiling stranger is kind enough to offer me a complimentary meal, I say "Sure! You bet!" — with tears of gratitude welling up in my eyes. When the Mystery Tray comes I invariably vacuum up ever morsel in front of me — what's more, if the passenger next to me leaves that wedge of Styrofoam pie on his tray — I ask for that too.

For two reasons: Number one: I'm not fussy. From a reserved banquet at a five star restaurant to a counter stool in a back alley beanery, I never met a meal I didn't like.

Number two: I eat the airplane meal out of respect for technology. Are you kidding? I'm in a giant aluminum cigar tube, 36,000 feet in the air, going 400 miles an hour over the Rockies, the temperature outside is minus 40, I'm about to watch a movie AND I get a hot meal for free? Of course I take it. Even if I can't tell what the main course is trying to be.

A hundred years ago the only way to get from Vancouver to Wyoming was on foot, swatting at black flies and gnawing on a chunk of frozen pemmican. I consider the preparation and presentation of a cooked meal, complete with coffee and dessert, five miles straight up over Red Deer, Alberta to be an act of pure, unadulterated magic.

And it's only the beginning! Aeronautics is an industry that grows in gallops. Yesterday, we were flying in

propeller-driven planes with canvas wings. Today we can fly across the Atlantic in our shirtsleeves, sipping Bloody Mary's and watching Brad Pitt.

As for the future? Hey, it can only get better! I can visualize an aircraft about to take off a hundred years from now. Flight attendants are long gone, replaced by cheery and efficient robots that scuttle up and down the aisle.

The aircraft will be piloted by computers the sophistication of which we can't begin to imagine. The flight will take off so smoothly we won't even know we're in the air. Not until a comforting mechanical voice begs our attention and makes the standard in-flight announcement: "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome aboard GatesAir flight 1798. Our flying time to Rio de Janeiro will be precisely 11 minutes and 29 seconds. In the meantime, relax and let our cyberstews cater to your every whim."

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Etcetera

Arthur Black

Three councils are representing the wishes of their voters

Editor:

Commissioner Harry Kitchen hosted four meetings last week to receive input from the public regarding the issue of restructuring in Victoria County.

The issue of restructuring has raised the ire of many residents and while it is absolutely imperative that we make our position known to both the commissioner and the province, at the same time we should refrain from making disparaging remarks against others and their positions.

It was difficult for members of our restructuring committee to remain quiet while we listened to one group of presenters throw verbal assaults at our councils from Bexley, Laxton, Digby and Longford and Somerville. They insinuated that the only reason our townships sent letters out to all of our taxpayers and placed advertisements in the media was to protect our positions as elected officials.

Nothing could be further from the truth! We held three public meetings in early January to determine the wishes of our constituents in regard to the proposed amalgamation of our three municipalities and the appointment of the commissioner. The constituents

in attendance made it absolutely clear that they expected us to:

1. continue to put forth the proposal that would see our three municipalities amalgamate.

2. inform all of our taxpayers by way of a mailed letter, due to the fact that approximately 50% of the taxpayers within our municipalities are non-residents, and

3. solicit support from others within the County for their support of our proposal.

As elected officials we have been vested with the responsibility to represent the wishes of the majority of our constituents. So do not suggest that we are only trying to save our jobs, we are doing our jobs! If the amalgamation of our three townships is allowed to proceed it will result in the reduc-

tion from 15 elected officials to five members of council, therefore ten of us have agreed to eliminate our so-called "cushy" jobs.

Though we have worked hard to put forth the position of our constituents to allow for the restructuring of our three municipalities, we have never tried to impose a restructuring solution on others! We strongly believe in a "made in Victoria" solution and that the constituents of each municipality be allowed to determine their own destiny. We expect nothing less from others!

Dianne Austin

Spokesperson for the Restructuring Committee of Bexley, Laxton, Digby and Longford and Somerville Townships.

'Ripping the guts out of municipal government'

The following is a letter to Commissioner Harry Kitchen who is looking into the restructuring of Victoria County.

Dear Sir:

By now you will have received my formal

reply to your draft report on the Victoria County restructuring issue. I am writing you again to relate certain facts that would have been out of place in a formal reply. I am also being a little more blunt, shall we say!

In a great many ways, the Province of On-

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Amalgamation means loss of local control and identity

by Phil Rose

Phil Rose is a resident of the Grimsby area, south of Hamilton. The community is undergoing municipal amalgamation, similar to that occurring in Haliburton and Victoria counties. In the following article Rose expresses his concern that amalgamation will lead to a loss of community identity and ability to influence key decision makers. Phil Rose can be reached at <an001@hwcen.org>

• Conservative M.P.P. Brad Clark: "I put my constituents first. The amalgamation train left the station a long time ago and I can't figure out what the ideology is behind it, but I don't back down from a fight."

• Mayor Nick Andreychuk: "Citizens of small-town Ontario made a conscious choice to live in them because of the desire to avoid anonymity in a large metropolitan area."

• Conservative M.P.P. Tim Hudak: "An average of \$53 per Hamilton household will be saved over two years due to the amalgamation process."

The first and less shocking claim that I am going to make is that I think municipalities should flatly reject any proposals to amalgamate their governments with those of others.... The second, and more important claim, related to the first, is that our country can now be said to be under the rule of an occupying power.

Unlike a recent cover of Maclean's magazine, featuring an image of the maple leaf with a U.S. flag superimposed upon it, this phenomenon should not be interpreted simply as American imperialism. It's much less apparent than that.

Canada (like every other of the world's nation states, including the U.S.) is in the process of being colonised by corporate economic "empires", which are multi-national in identity.

Since this process began (essentially the early 1980s), our influence as "self-governing" or "democratic" citizens has been continuously declining in our various layers of government, primarily at the federal level, but now also manifested provincially. Currently, it's attempting to

do likewise at the level of our town councils.

Because political power is invisible and intangible, it's a difficult thing to talk about. But power, if you think about it, is like matter. It never just disappears into thin air; instead, as it's doing in our present context, it changes its form and travels elsewhere. In contrast to the federal or national situation, it's easy within limited space to demonstrate this occurrence at the provincial level, where the actual ratio of our individual representation can be seen to have decreased dramatically.

When the Ontario government reduced the number of provincial ridings from 130 to 103, it also reduced the number of the population's political representatives. The province's eligible voting population presently stands at approximately 7.6 million people, which means that citizen representation in Ontario has gone from a ratio of 1 representative for every 58,449 individuals, to 1 for every 73,770 people. That's a decrease of 21%. Consider also the fact that, from 1990 to 1999, Ontario's voting population has increased by almost 1.3 million people. Even before last year's reduction in ridings, our representation had already decreased by 17% as a result of population growth. You could be forgiven for thinking that the total number of riding representatives should have been increased; because our decline in representation after factoring in population growth becomes, in total, approximately 38%. Clearly our political influence, if we grasp the meaning of these figures, has been severely diluted.

Our ratio of representation will decrease further through municipal amalgamation. We can't permit this process to proceed any further, unless we are to become third class citizens. We must send a signal to those who would prefer nothing better than that we abandon our active citizenship, and limit ourselves instead to the roles of consumer and investor.

The power which individuals are losing is increasingly going to corporate entities. But on the domestic level, this also includes unions, and other "interest" groups whose organisations don't vote; all they do is manipulate the political

process in ways that exclude our own meaningful participation.

It's obvious that, at this point in time, we're ready for more self-government rather than less. But the destruction of town councils—make no mistake about it—will mean the loss of the final mechanisms with which, in the long run, we'd be able to maintain our sense of community. We don't want our influence as individuals reduced from our local affairs—any more than we do from our provincial or national affairs. But this is what will result from municipal mergers.

Currently the citizens of the Town of Grimsby are mobilizing to prevent this process. It's time for all of us to take a stand because, as Henry David Thoreau stated, "to be strictly just, the authority of government must have the sanction and consent of the governed". To know that they don't have our consent should be enough for the provincial government and its corporate backers to recognise that they will not serve justice should they continue in their mission to impose upon citizens the despotism of corporate domination.

Peach Lake

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representation". Who gave permission to the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association to stock the lake? Has Kabakwa now become a private lake? Where is the Province in all this?

Why wasn't this publicized well in advance so we cottagers could have a say?

I do not feel that this lake can take anymore pressure and I vote No to this launching/parking project. What I think is sorely needed is a limit on the engine size of boats on such a small lake, perhaps maximum 5 hp.

**W. E. McNeilly, MD,
Toronto.**

Sports

Go Monarchs

Good luck to the Atom A Monarchs in their All-Ontario semifinals against Deseronto

Atoms tie series against West Muskoka

by Andy Lennox

West Muskoka 10, Minden 4

The Minden Monarchs OMHA Atoms came out very flat to start their All-Ontario quarter-final series. Although Aaron Keaney opened the scoring in the first minute of the game, it became evident very quickly that West Muskoka would be the dominant team on this day. West Muskoka scored four goals in the first period and three each in the second and third periods en route to a 10-4 victory. Travis Walker, Jordan Joanu and Keaney scored the other goals for the Monarchs.

It was a rough start for the Monarchs and a poor showing for the many hometown fans who showed up to support their team, which now faced a must-win situation in game two.

Minden 3, West Muskoka 2

The Monarchs came out flying in game two and peppered numerous unsuccessful shots on the opposing goalie in the first period. Alas, it was West Muskoka that got took the early lead, when a shot going wide deflected off a Muskoka player and into the net behind Minden's starting goaltender Mike Lennox.

Muskoka widened its lead early in the second period when a Muskoka attacker roofed a rebound over Lennox.

The Monarchs did not quit, however, and continued to take the play to Muskoka. Lennox, meanwhile, made several strong saves to keep Minden close and, in fact, would not allow another goal over the remaining 26 minutes of the game.

Zac Joanu scored on a long shot from the point in the first minute of the third period and all of a sudden Minden was back in the series. For the next ten minutes the action continued with no goals scored by either side.

With five minutes left in the third Keaney tied the game, with Kody Smith assisting. Just over a minute later Travis Walker, on a breakaway, stuffed the puck under the Muskoka goalie to put Minden ahead. Four tension-filled minutes had to be killed before Minden finally skated off the ice with the series tied.



CLOSE CALL: The West Muskoka goaltender tries to get control of the puck as Minden attackers swarm the net. Facing elimination, the Monarchs took control of game four in Minden Thursday evening, winning by a 6-1 margin to tie the best-of-five series at two games apiece. The fifth game was in MacTier Friday. What should have been the deciding game ended in a 1-1 overtime tie, forcing a sixth game in Minden Saturday. Although the Monarchs fell behind 2-0, they rebounded for a 4-3 win. They will now meet Deseronto in the All-Ontario semifinals. For the details of the Friday and Saturday games, see next week's edition of The Times.

West Muskoka 5, Minden 1

Momentum swung back to Muskoka in game three. Despite starting goalie David Muir turning back a couple of good early scoring chances, Muskoka gained a 2-0 first-period lead.

Minden pressed in the second period and mustered 11 shots at the Muskoka goalie but very few of them were dangerous. Muskoka put the game out of reach late in the second period with three quick unanswered goals.

Zac Joanu scored in the third period for the Monarchs but there would be no miracle comeback on this day.

Minden 6, West Muskoka 1

Feeling the desperation that is born of facing

elimination, the Monarchs finally put on a show for the hometown fans. Minden dominated the first period of this game by outskating, outhitting and outworking the opposition.

Zac Joanu gave Minden the early lead, with assists coming from Keaney and Cody Smith. Sherri Walker scored from the slot thirty seconds later by hammering a pass from behind the net from Joanu.

Muskoka would get back into the game three minutes later, when a shot from the slot was chipped in over the glove of Mike Lennox. Keaney restored the two-goal lead late in the first when he picked the far corner on a breakaway.

Muskoka actually outshot Minden in the second period but the Monarchs held a definite edge in play

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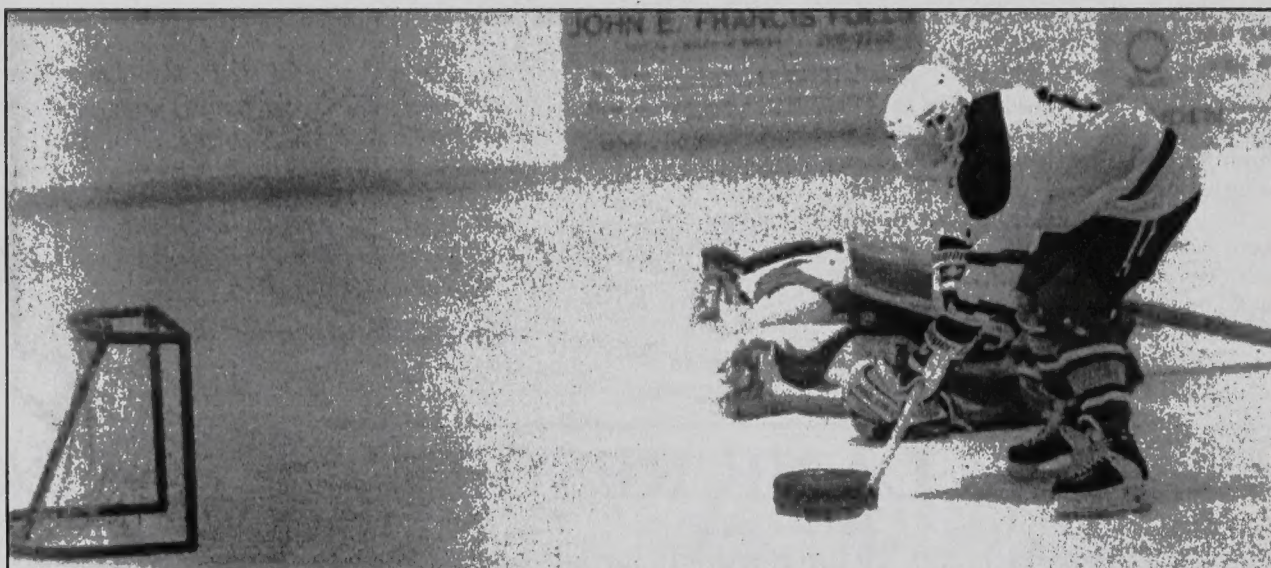
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(Left) **SPLASH:** Borrowing from the antics of the Harlem Globetrotters, an OnTV player douses his own goaltender with a pail of water in an attempt to soak the referee.



(Below) **MEETING THE CHALLENGE:** An OPP player was awarded a penalty shot, but he had to overcome some obstacles, such as a beach ball-sized puck, half sized stick and miniature net. Fortunately for him, the OnTV goalie collapsed under the weight of his special oversized goal stick, allowing a clear shot at the mini net.



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Al Clement rolls 276 in Monday Mixed play

Legion 636 Mixed League

High average: Fred Knight 184; Leitha Kuchalema 168
High single: Fred Knight 282; Elli Langpohl 244

High single (handicap): Fred Knight 316; Elli Langpohl 306
High triple: Fred Knight 695; Elli Langpohl 572

High triple (handicap): Fred Knight 797; Elli Langpohl 758

Monday Night Mixed League (February 15)

High average: Scott Moore 235; Michelle Moore 204
High single: Bill Hogg 225; Tracy Cole 208

High single (POA): Craig Philip +52; Tracy Cole +57
High triple: Doug Schell 574; Michelle Moore 556

High triple (POA): Craig Philip +63; Tracy Cole +56

Monday Night Mixed League (February 22)

High average: Scott Moore 236; Michelle Moore 203
High single: Al Clement 276; Teresa Clement 235
High single (POA): Bill Hogg +52; Tracy Cole +33

Quarter-finals down to one game

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throughout. The defensive corps of Gavin Hicks, Justin McKelvey, Jon Petch and Matt Clements played a stellar game to thwart the Muskoka attack, and forward Jordan Joanu forechecked hard to keep the pressure on Muskoka. Lennox, for his part, was turning back anything Muskoka could throw at him.

Keaney scored again late in the second period, with assists from McKelvey and Joanu. Joanu and Hicks rounded out the scoring in the third period and the Monarchs skated away with a decisive 6-1 victory. Adam Gough recorded five shots on goal and played a very strong game to support Minden's winning effort.

On a note of concern, Minden forward Kody Smith had to leave the game with a suspected concussion after absorbing a heavy hit near the boards. We all wish Kody the best and extend our wishes for a speedy recovery.

High triple: Craig Philip 611; Teresa Clement 588
High triple (POA): Craig Philip +125; Teresa Clement +84

Tuesday Afternoon Seniors' League

High average: Bob Bullen 192; Theresa Fox 168

High single: Ron Earle 203; Eleanor Young 203

High single (handicap): Ron Earle 241; Rose Connaughan 247

High triple: Vince Connaughan 535; Theresa Fox 573

High triple (handicap): Vince Connaughan 724; Theresa Fox 711

Men's Match Play (February 19)

High average: Scott Moore 241
High single: Addie Dykstra 272

High single (handicap): Addie Dykstra 297

High triple: Len Punt Jr. 727
High triple (handicap): Len Punt Jr. 784

Eric Burk 2, Addie Dykstra 1
Len Punt Jr. 3, Gord Darby 0
Scott Moore 2, Len Punt Sr. 1

Men's Match Play (February 26)

High average: Scott Moore 242
High single: Len Punt Sr. 256

High single (handicap): Eric Burk 282

High triple: Walt Stegmaier 664

High triple (handicap): Eric Burk 726

Scott Moore 2, Addie Dykstra 1

Eric Burk 2, Gord Darby 1
Len Punt Jr. 2, Len Punt Sr. 1

Thursday Afternoon Seniors' League

High average: Ray Lymer 198; Helen Dentinger 170

High single: Addie Dykstra 247; Helen Dentinger 190

High single (handicap): Addie Dykstra 273; Florence Stanley 254

High triple: Addie Dykstra 676; Helen Dentinger 534

High triple (handicap): Addie Dykstra 754; Helen Dentinger 669

Thursday Night Mixed League

(February 10)

High average: Scott Moore 232; Michelle Moore 216

High single: Walt Stegmaier 275; Michelle Moore 248

High single (handicap): Dan Rivard 299; Joan Rivard 236

High triple: Walt Stegmaier 681; Gloria Wagg 535

High triple (handicap): Rick Ratcliffe 682; Gloria Wagg 667

Atom A Monarchs advance!

The Minden OMHA Atom Monarchs have eliminated the West Muskoka Rattlers from the All-Ontario quarter-finals. The Monarchs edged the Rattlers 4-3 in the deciding game in Minden on Saturday.

Muskoka took a 2-0 lead in game six after the two teams battled to a 1-1 draw

in MacTier Friday. The Monarchs tied the game and went ahead 3-2 in the second period. Minden increased its lead to 4-2 early in the third and hung on for the 4-3 win.

Watch next week's edition of The Times for the details and the semifinals schedule.

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Tournament rescheduled

The Outdoor Hockey Tournaments that were scheduled for this past Saturday and Sunday, as part of the Minden Snowfest, was postponed to this weekend. Mild temperatures made it impossible to use the outdoor rink.

Marian Markowski, organizer of the tournaments, is determined to make it happen in spite of the weather.

"I have trophies for all the participants and lots of

prizes to give away," Markowski said.

If Mother Nature refuses to co-operate, the event will be changed to road hockey and will be played on the parking lot next door at the Library-Gallery.

The format will be the same as outlined in last week's paper.

Volunteers to assist with the running of the event would be appreciated. Markowski can be reached at 286-6988 or 457-3248.

Get ready for 'Straw and Stone'

by Sandy Cole

The curling rocks were really flying at the club at the annual mens Rockbuster bonspiel, held February 18, 19 and 20. The club hosted 24 teams, of which 22 were from out of town. What a great boost to our local economy to have these visitors in our town for the weekend. Dave McKay ran an absolutely marvellous event. The curling was of high calibre, with the outcome of many games going to the wire.

As always, many compliments were heard about the excellent food prepared this year by Kat, Cheryl, Sheila and the many hands that pulled off feeding all those hungry men. Dave gives his many thanks to ice maker Howard and his crew on a job well done; to the sponsors who generously donated their support; to the competitors who vied for the top honours; and of course all the many helping hands that really make these events happen!

Spectators should be ready for the annual Straw and Stone bonspiel that is set to go Saturday, March 4. Also, mark on your calendar the annual in-club junior bonspiel on March 26, which gives our younger members a chance to strut their stuff. Come out and cheer them on and see just how great they are!

Ladies get your Sweep into Spring teams together for the final bonspiel of the year to be held Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1.

League Scores for February 14 to 18.

Monday Night Ladies

Cheryl Murdoch 9, Melanie Vigrass 3
Irene Alexander 9, Sharon Kernohan 2
Pat Woodcroft 10, Sandy Cole 5
Gail Grainger 7, Pat Campbell 3

Tuesday Night Mens

Jason Scott 7, Jack Woodcroft 6
Ted Wilkes 11, Rob Eaton 1
Dave McAdam 10, Dwight Thomas 6
Alf Trotter 8, Bill Roodenburg 2

Thursday Night Mixed

Keith Oitment 8, Gail Grainger 3
Pat Woodcroft 12, Gord Wood 7
Ross Davies 11, Jason Scott 5
Melanie Vigrass 10, Cheryl Murdoch 8
Alf Trotter 7, Ted Wilkes 5

Friday Night Mixed

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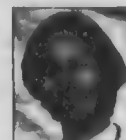
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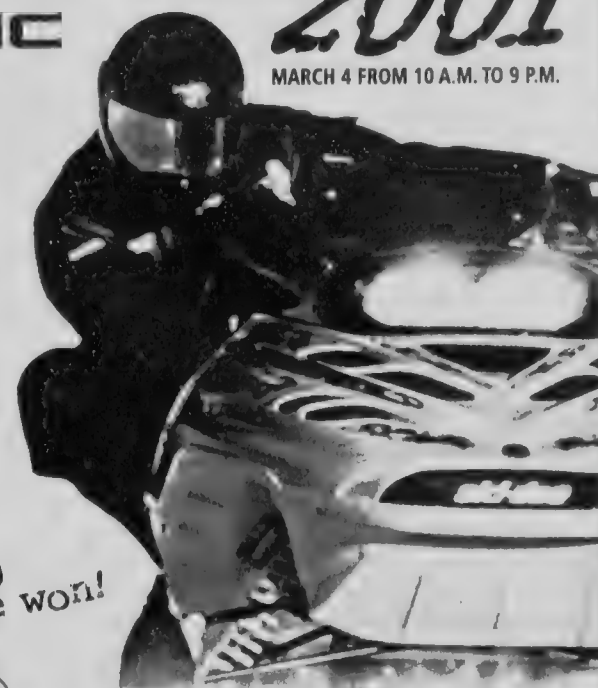
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Eric Whitty tops Peewees with 142 single

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High average: Bailey Cole 63
High single: Bailey Cole 73
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Peewee

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High double: Eric Whitty 260; Karen Prozak 189

Bantam

High average: Jake Walker 121; Brandy Cole 119
High single: Brad Brown 161; Nikki Aitken 140
High triple: Brad Brown 408; Sarah Prozak 378

Junior

High average: Brad Mickle 170; Lesley Cox 144
High single: Joey Cox 161; Lesley Cox 183
High single (handicap): Ryan Robinson 213; Lesley Cox 227
High triple: Joey Cox 446; Lesley Cox 503
High triple (handicap): Alex Philip 576; Lesley Cox 635

Senior

High average: Matt Reinwald 200; Kelly Berry 168
High single: Dennis Cox 220; Kelly Berry 237
High single (handicap): Matt Reinwald 239; Kelly Berry 263
High triple: Matt Reinwald 645; Kelly Berry 599
High triple (handicap): Dennis Cox 611; Kelly Berry 677

Ken Thompson rolls 316 single

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Wednesday Afternoon Mixed
High average: Ken Thompson 235; Marie Thompson 189
High single: Ken Thompson 316; Marie Thompson 200
High single (handicap): Merv Bunker 271; Vicki Ross 256
High triple: Ken Thompson 737; Marie Thompson 543
High triple (handicap): Merv Bunker 744; Vicki Ross 745

Thursday Afternoon Mixed League
High average: Ken Thompson 227; Josie Cheesman 174
High single: Ken Thompson 225; Anne Manning 206
High single (handicap): Bob Webb 249; Anne Manning 254
High triple: Ken Thompson 609; Maraylene Welch 532
High triple (handicap): Fred Gregory 673; Betty Henderson 673

HHSS curlers enjoy a successful season

by Jennifer Minto - Student Reporter

Coaches are happy with the results from the COSSA curling competition, even though the teams failed to advance.

The girls' team curled three good games at Monday's COSSA competition against St. Peter's High School from Peterborough, I.E. Weldon from Lindsay, and P.C.V.S from Peterborough.

Regrettably, the Red Hawks lost their first two games, but with a noticeable improvement from the last time they played these teams. With the knowledge that they would be remaining in the "A" pool, they knew the reality that they were not going to advance. With the lack of pressure, the girls went out on the

ice for their third game, winning by a score of 8-2 in six ends and having fun in the process.

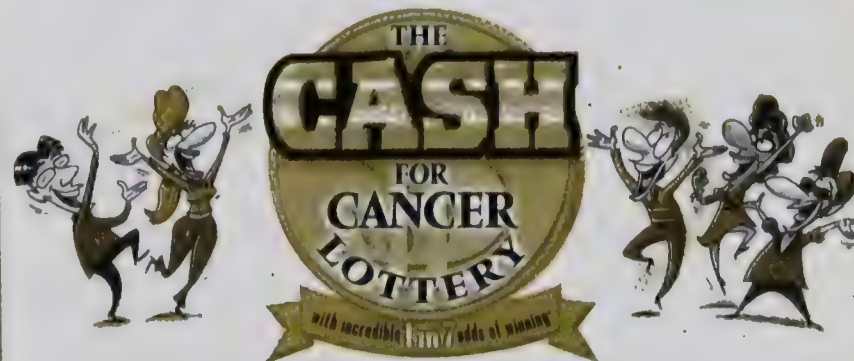
The Boys' team travelled back to Omeme Curling Club for COSSA last Tuesday to try its luck against the competition. The Red Hawks curled very well also but were defeated by the Adam Scott team from Peterborough which meant that they would not advance either.

The girls and boys would like to thank their coach, Ms. Hubbert and their assistant coach, Mrs. Hutson for a great season. Thanks also to the Ainsley's, who were amazing when it came to out-of-town events. Their support is very much appreciated.

Both teams curled very well, had a great season and already look forward to next year's curling.

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Kinark will provide access services

On behalf of the Attorney General Jim Flaherty, Chris Hodgson, MPP announced February 14 that Kinark Child and Family Services will provide supervised access services for children and their parents in Victoria-Haliburton.

By expanding services through existing Centres, and after a competitive process in other communities, non-profit groups were selected to operate 21 new Supervised Access Centres and Satellite locations across the province.

As a part of this current expansion, a service provider will be chosen for one or more communities in the near future, bringing the expansion total to 22 sites.

"Our government is keeping its Budget commit-

ment to expand this important program," said Hodgson. "The children of Victoria-Haliburton will now have a safe and secure place where they can visit a non-custodial parent.

"The safety of the children is our primary concern," stated Peter Moore, Director of Field Operations with Kinark Child and Family Services. "We are delighted to receive funding from the province to provide this important service in Victoria-Haliburton.

In addition to providing safe settings for visits and exchanges, Supervised Access Centres and Satellites reduce the emotional toll on children by

helping them maintain healthy relationships with their parents during periods of family conflict.

The program helps to ensure that more children are protected, that more families get the help they need to resolve disputes and that more children and families in smaller communities across the province are able to benefit from the Supervised Access Centres.

"The expansion of the Supervised Access Program is part of our government's commitment to protect vulnerable children and support families," stated Hodgson.

With 22 new Supervised Access Centres and Satellites and 14 existing Centres, the number of sites will be more than doubled, bringing this total to 36.

New ER for Ross Memorial

The coming year will be marked by exciting developments at the Ross Memorial Hospital as it finalizes plans for a major expansion. The 35 million dollar project will significantly enlarge and enhance the hospital's current facilities. As well, it will accommodate new, much-needed programs and services such as mental health, rehabilitation, palliative care and a CT scan. A major expansion to the hospital's emergency department is also a key part of the project.

This past fall, an Emergency Department Design Team of physicians, nurses and other staff and managers met regularly with the Parkin Group architects to develop a design.

"The people who know best how to plan a new facility are the users of the space," said Anthony Vines, President and C.E.O. "Our goal is to create a space that works, that enables us to offer the very best care. Our new emergency department will be built to meet the particular needs of the people we serve."

"We are very excited

about this project," says John Christie, who has designed numerous hospitals all across Canada. "We have an opportunity at the Ross to plan an outstanding emergency department which will enhance patient care by providing a much larger, more efficient space within which staff can deliver services."

The new 11,390 square foot ER will be more than double the current 5,200 square foot department. The six existing patient treatment and examination rooms will be replaced by a total of 26 spaces. A number of these will be designed and equipped for special purposes such as suturing, eye examination and treatment, caring for sexual assault victims, and isolating patients with infectious conditions. Eight new washrooms will replace the existing two.

ER physicians Dr. Peter Ursel and Dr. David Fiddler, both members of the design team, anticipate many improvements resulting from the new space.

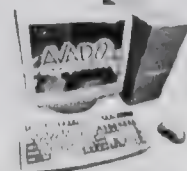
"Patients will not have to be moved as

much," says Dr. Ursel. "There will be more monitored beds and oxygen in the front examining rooms, and the new CT scan will mean that we won't have to send people to other hospitals for this important test."

"Patients will not have to be attended to in hallways," said Dr. Fiddler. He commented that the design process was very inclusive. "The architects asked for input from all the players - nurses, doctors and specialists."

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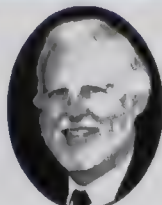
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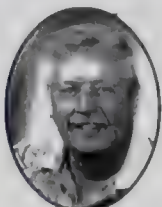
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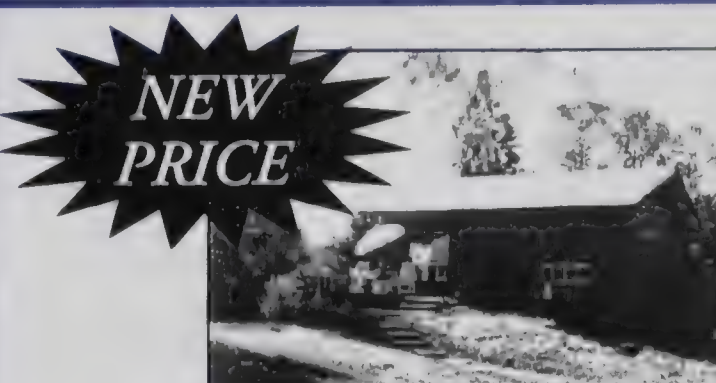


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Rockbuster Champs

An extra end was needed to decide the winner of the A event of the sixteenth Annual Rockbuster Curling Bonspiel, held February 18-20 at the Minden Curling Club. The popular men's speil attracted 24 teams. When the curling ended Sunday afternoon, the Bob Clark team from Elmira emerged the winner. Competition convenor Dave McKay presented the winning team with the Prentice Power Sports trophy. The foursome included skip Bob Clark, vice Dean Martin, second Todd Wilson and lead Chris Schumacher. See page 17 for other winners.



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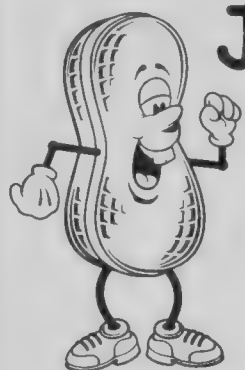
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Winners of the C event and the Sid Stamp Fuels trophy were, middle photo, lead Peter Kostin, second Gary Coyle, vice Norm Abbott and skip Mike Kightley from the Tam Heather Club in Scarborough.

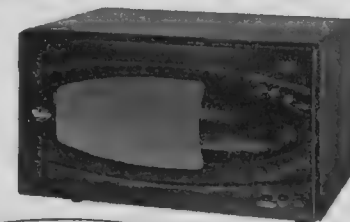


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Raw Energy brings local and out of town bands together

Local band featured at Haliburton rock concert

Jennifer Minto-Student Reporter

Talent was flying Friday night, (February 18), at the Dysart Arena in Haliburton.

Organizers were pleased with the attendance at the Raw Energy Show, which fluctuated from a planned small turnout to a crowd that varied from 50-100 people in the community centre.

Dana Postill organized the event, as well as being the manager for the Raw Energy Music Company including two of the bands which performed. Postill wanted to give something back to her hometown and the younger population that she knew before moving

stage as well as supporting them by purchasing music.

The featured local band consisted of Ryan Chalmers on guitar, Drew Pool on bass, Nathan on the drums and Andy Nesbitt as their new singer. Sporting a new name, *Blakout*, the band played some songs that they hoped would entice the Raw Energy scene and had a great time entertaining before a home-town crowd.

Now that other people have taken the initiative to organize shows, more occasions like this will occur. *Blakout* has plans to play at a March 3 gig along with other local talent such as *Tangent*, consisting of

Justin Hie, Doug Hughey, Justin Murray and new singer Sam James. The group formerly known as Zero Hour, who will also be jamming with members of *Modus*, Greg Luck and Dan Vanderlip, as well as other bands from around the county.

Overall, the show was a success and everyone seemed to enjoy the bands. As members of a small band it takes a lot of time, hard work and practice to become proficient performers. Those characteristics have to be taken seriously by all the members of the band. Dedication is a key component. It is the same sort of dedication which could see one of our local bands find similar success.



Guitarist Ryan Chalmers of the local band *Blakout* was among the performers to take to the stage for a Raw Energy Concert recently at the Dysart Community Centre.

away from Haliburton. Other volunteers who helped with the production included Dana's brother, Chris Postill, Reagan Brown, Adam Aggett and Ryan Chalmers.

The show featured three out of town bands. *No Connection*, one of the bands managed by Postill, had a ska sound that was defined by an amazing trumpeter and other brass, double guitar players and a very talented drummer. Second was the headlined band, *Sector Seven*, who's latest video can be viewed on Much Music. They were a more mature punk band with aspirations, whose sound was very planned and composed.

Taking to the stage last was *Blank Stare*, whose sound was punk as well, but with a little more bite. All three of the bands were happy to play and said that they would again if the opportunity arose. The crowd was pleased and demonstrated their approval with elegant fan posters, congregating around the

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Board and CUPE reach agreement on first contract

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The first-ever collective agreements between the Trillium Lakelands District School Board and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 997 have been ratified.

The agreements cover approximately 177 employees in the custodial/maintenance bargaining unit and 405 people in the bargaining unit of educational assistants and office/clerical/technical employees. The agreements replace seven previous collective agreements that existed between the three predecessor boards and three unions.

The amalgamation that created the Trillium Lakelands board also made for a complex negotiation process. First, the Ontario Labour Relations Board had to define new bargaining units for the new board; then there was a vote to determine which union would represent the employees. Finally came the lengthy process of harmonizing the wide range of existing collective agreements.

Both board chair Judy Saunders and Lynn Raback, president of CUPE Local 997, applauded the agreement. "We're very pleased with the result of these negotiations," Saunders said. "The stability of a three-year term is very welcome after all the change that has occurred."

"All of us involved in these negotiations worked very hard," says Raback. "I think this is an excellent beginning to our new relationship with the

Trillium Lakelands District School Board."

Key features of the new agreements include: new salary grid structures, effective January 1, 2000; salary in-

creases of 1.5%, effective September 1 of 2000, 2001, and 2002, with an expiry date of December 31, 2002; standardization of various items across the three former jurisdictions, including

vacation and statutory holiday entitlements, seniority and layoff provisions, grievance procedures, transfer and posting provisions and leave entitlements.

NEW GANGS SEEN IN THE AREA:

Evidence of increased gang activity has been showing up at the High school. Members of the Pink Ladies and the T-Birds have been seen frequently in the halls of HHSS often dancing or singing their way between classes. Parents need not be concerned, as these new "gangs" are a temporary phenomenon while the students get ready for the upcoming production of the musical Grease. Rehearsals are in full swing now and tickets for the six performances have been selling briskly. The first performance is scheduled for Friday April 7.



Year 2000-01 school calendars approved

Trillium Lakelands District School Board trustees voted last night to accept school year calendars for the coming academic year, 2000-2001. The three calendars cover the elementary and secondary schools, as well as the four schools that also offer an alternate schedule.

The alternate school year starts earlier in August, with holiday breaks in October and a lengthened March break. It is designed to aid students' retention by spreading the school year out more evenly with a shorter summer break. The alternate calendar is currently offered at the same time as the regular calendar at public schools in Huntsville, Bracebridge, Gravenhurst and Macaulay Public School in Muskoka.

The calendars will be sent to the Ministry of Education for approval by March 1. Copies of the calendars will be available at the board's Bracebridge, Haliburton and Lindsay offices by late spring.

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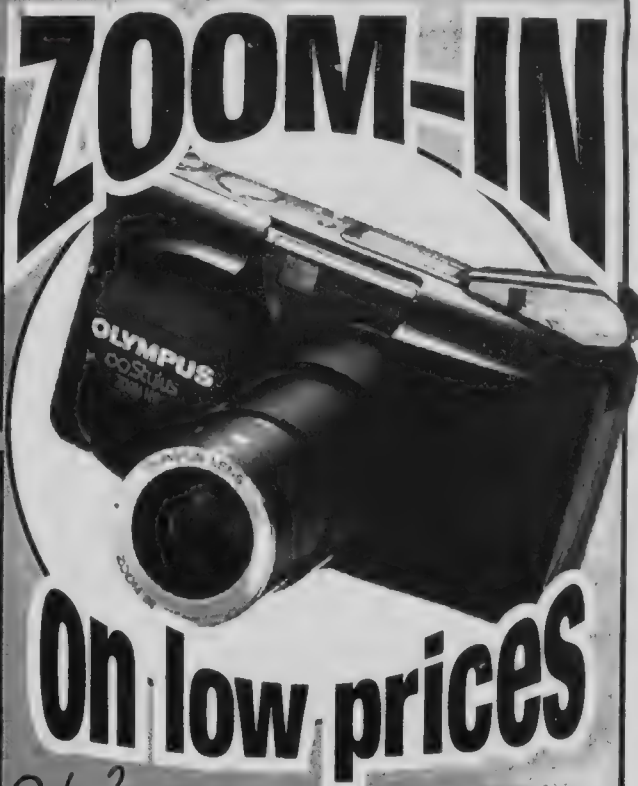
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On October 22, 1999, the "Data Service Improvement Program: Connecting Rural Ontario" was announced. The commitment was to increase the access and the availability of high speed telecommunications to all the communities in Ontario located south of Parry Sound.

In the Haliburton area, the Bell exchanges in Dorset, Carnarvon, West Guilford, Minden, Haliburton, Wilberforce, Gooderham, Cardiff, Bancroft, Apsley and Kinmount have now received the upgrade to have a minimum common level of data service up to T1 bandwidth. At present our phone system will support data transfer at 56 thousand bits/sec (56Kbps). T1 can provide speeds up to approximately one and a half million bits/sec (1.5Mbps). The upgrades will give customers in these communities access to a dedicated private line and shared frame relay data services to allow business and institutions to interconnect remote manufacturing facilities, retail outlets, municipal offices, schools, health care providers, emergency service detachments for the purpose of private data exchange, including gateways to the Internet.

This means that local doctors could have an online discussion of digitally transmitted x-rays or hold patient consultation video conferences with specialists in other centres, eliminating the need for costly long distance travel. These are only a couple of the telemedicine possibilities.

Citizens will be able to take courses from universities and colleges over the internet with ease. The possibilities for electronic commerce (e-commerce) and working from home (telework) will be greatly increased. For the first time, our communities will be connected across the province, Canada and the world at data speeds and at rates similar to those available to urban areas.

On March 6, there will be a free regional community workshop in the Apsley Community Centre, where you can find out how this new technology can work for you! Local and industry speakers will discuss topics such as telemedicine, distance education, video conferencing, teleworking and e-commerce. Participants from the Apsley, Haliburton and Bancroft areas will discuss applications, best practices and local resources.

It's a jam-packed event running from 2:30pm to

8:00pm, with dinner provided. If you are in a business or profession that uses Internet Technology (IT), or if you want to find out how IT fits into your business or a business you are planning, you owe it to yourself to attend this workshop. DSIP represents the first real opportunity to level the playing field on speed and price with the area south of Highway 7.

This event has been organized by the Information Technology Access Committee (Bancroft), Kawartha North Internet Access (Apsley) and the Haliburton Networking Group. It is sponsored by the five Data Services Improvement Program partners: The Ontario

Rural Council, Regional Networks of Ontario, Ontario Telephone Association, Bell Canada, and Ministry of Energy, Science and Technology.

Register by March 2 to reserve your seat. For more information or to register, call North Hastings Community Development Corporation (613-332-5564 in Bancroft), John Greenwood (705-656-4980 in Apsley), or the Haliburton Chamber of Commerce (705-286-1760). Anyone interested in improved Internet access and how it applies to his or her business or profession, needs to be at this meeting.



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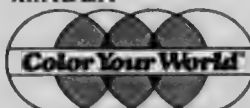
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Federal aid program helping beleaguered farmers

These are tough times for Canadian farm families. Collapsing Asian markets, foreign subsidies, and battles with Mother Nature have made working the land a complex and risky business. Canadian farmers have seen steep declines in incomes since 1997. Last year, the federal government responded to this income crisis with a \$1.1 billion aid package for 1998 and 1999.

But it became clear that more help was needed. This is why Lyle Vancilief, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, recently announced that the federal government will be investing up to an additional \$1 billion over two years to help Canadian farmers manage the market and production risks they face.

The federal government has a long history of working with farmers and the agri-food industry and remains committed to supporting the industry and its members, both in good times and bad. This new investment by the Government of Canada is one that will make a difference for farmers from coast to coast. It brings the Government of Canada's contribution for farmers up to \$2.2 billion for the next two years.

Agriculture is a shared responsibility of both the federal and provincial governments. Accordingly, the new aid package is expected to be cost-shared with the provinces, with the federal government contributing 60 per cent and the provincial governments contributing the rest.

Under this formula, with combined federal and provincial aid, Canada's farmers could benefit from as much as \$3.6 billion in aid through farm safety nets over the next two years.

In addition to this cash injection, the federal government is exploring other short-term measures to assist farmers. Minister Vancilief has proposed that interest-free cash advances of up to \$20,000 per eligible farm be made soon to help farmers. The federal government is also looking at ways of improving access to the Net Income Stabilization Account (NISA).

Ottawa report

by John O'Reilly, MP

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The federal government is making an important investment in our farmers to help them through this difficult time. By working together with Canada's farm leaders, the provincial governments and others, we can be sure that our efforts will make a difference through supporting the viability of one of Canada's most important industries.

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O'Reilly votes against same sex benefits

--Press release from John O'Reilly's office--

John O'Reilly, Member of Parliament for Haliburton-Victoria Brock voted against the government on Monday night on the second reading of Bill C-23. The Bill is a proposed law that extends same-sex couples the same benefits as common-law pairs.

"I opposed same-sex benefits because I believe that shared benefits should be reserved for a husband and a wife. I disagree with unfair discrimination against individual gays and lesbians but I do not support same-sex relationships being treated as a common-law pair, not in any way. Both of my offices in Lindsay and Ottawa have receive many phone calls, facsimiles and e-mails urging me to vote against this government bill," stated Mr. O'Reilly.

Bill C-23 is "An act to modernize the Statutes of Canada in relation to benefits and obligations."

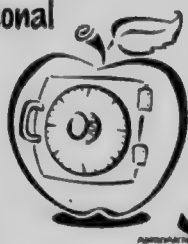
This enactment extends benefits and obligations to all couples who have been cohabiting in a conjugal relationship for at least one year, in order to reflect values of tolerance, respect and equality, consistent with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Twelve of John O'Reilly's colleagues broke ranks with their governments as they did not want the legislation passed in its current form. But the opposition wasn't enough and the bill passed second reading by a vote of 161 to 60. The bill will now proceed to the Commons Justice Committee, which will study and hear from witnesses on how it may be improved.

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'Ripped to bits'

(from page 8)

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By the way, it is with great satisfaction that I read that the British Labour government has restored the G.L.C. and Mayor to London. Things were just not working out!

Now it is our turn to be ripped to bits and also by a Tory government. After two previous attempts with regions and then, so-called restructured counties (Oxford County only), the Tories had to halt when they became leery of the political fall-out.

Now, after a hiatus and both Liberal and N.D.P. governments, the Tory party, unfortunately, is back in power. This time the government has done its homework. The Tories have slowly and insidiously put through legislation setting everything up for single-tier County

government in Ontario.

Let me give you an example. Past legislation laid down various standards that had to be met by a Township Road before it could be taken over as a County Road. Those standards were quietly removed in one of those wonderful Omnibus bills, thus ensuring a hassle-free takeover by the County of the entire road system. Unfortunately, the average citizen is not aware of such things.

The final touch was the legislation setting up the restructuring study farce - legislation that allowed:

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And then, to ensure the correct result, the Commissioners are (in your case anyway) hand-

picked!

You ought to be ashamed of yourself for participating in such a blatant example of deceit, double-talk, outright lies - the latter referring to the remark made by M.P.P.'s during the last election campaign, that there would be no forced amalgamation. And remember, we have one disenchanted Tory M.P.P., Tony Skarica, also making this statement. One lone Tory M.P.P. has had the guts to call a spade a spade and to leave with his integrity intact and head held high! Would that he be our Premier.

I make no bones about the fact that this letter is going to be distributed as widely as possible and these closing remarks are directed to the electorate of this province as well as to you.

Let us all remember this. Remember that we are dealing with a power-mad dictatorship. It is going to be 4-5 long years in which we are supposed to forget. When that next election date arrives, let us send the Ontario Conservative government down the same path trod by the British Tory party and our own Federal Tory party.

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We must remember we have March to experience yet, but then hopefully spring will arrive. Recently though this weather has made it easier for all folks travelling, especially those that visit with us.

The Stanhope seniors very kindly hosted our Tea Party last Thursday, (February 17). We had a good crowd out and everyone enjoyed the assortment served, including lots of homemade cookies. Our thanks to this group for coming and spending time with us. The following afternoon Northern Jam was here to entertain us at our Happy Hour. We appreciated them coming. Their music was great and they certainly know how to entertain.

The weekend was fairly quiet with a few visitors. It was good to have Pastor Dan Millard for our Sunday Chapel, and pleasant to have Doris with us playing the piano during the service. Our thanks to them.

Our week began with a visit from two lovely ladies from the Salvation Army. We enjoyed their company very much and look forward to having them return. Rev. Davis was here for our Chapel Service on Tuesday morning and in the afternoon the ever faithful craft group met and continued with the

decorations etc. for Saint Patrick's Day.

Yesterday the regular card group got together for a game or two and last night many of us turned up for Pub Night. Here to entertain us were Don Alton, Don White, and Lloyd Madill:

great folks. Along with them was "our Linda" who delighted us

with her singing. What a time we had. In fact, a few of us danced the "Light Fantastic"-- Harold, Walter, Muriel, Bessie, Hazel and Lilian. Some family members joined in also. All in all, a fun time. We were also very pleased to have Joan Kernohan visit us.

Today, as we sit down discussing the week's events we have learned of the death of Bertha Hughes. Bertha left us early this morning, (February 24, 2000). Bertha was a long time resident and will be missed by us all. Our sympathy to her family and friends.

There are eight young ladies at our home right now. They are getting their experience in clinical hours as part of their Personal Support Workers course. We are certainly enjoying their company and are pleased when they can join us at our activities.

We are having a Birthday Tea today "In House" with Linda; in fact Linda is busy making tea biscuits as we speak. We know it will be a good tea and will tell you more about it next week.

Before we go we have one upcoming birthday to announce, Gord Kent celebrates on March 5th. Happy Birthday Gord--enjoy your day.

That's all the news for now. In the meantime have a safe and happy week.

Senior League

by the Roving Reporters

Groundwater grant approved for Victoria County

--press release--

Chris Hodgson, MPP for Haliburton-Victoria Brock, has announced that the province is providing a grant of up to \$333,017 to the County of Victoria for a groundwater management study.

"Healthy, prosperous communities depend on a well protected environment," Hodgson said. "I am pleased that we are able to assist Victoria County in its search for ways to protect its groundwater resources."

The study will cost approximately \$406,273 - most of which will be covered by a grant from the Ministry of the Environment.

"These studies will help the township provide a better environmental protection," Environment Minister Tony Clement said. "The result will be a better quality of life for residents in Vic-

toria County."

More than \$3.5 million has been set aside for the groundwater management studies under Ontario government's \$200 million Provincial Water

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by Nora Snyder (call 286-4450; email <mindenhouse@on.albn.com>)

What a difference a week can make!! Last Monday this column started with, "NOW, it is winter!!" This week, NOW, it is spring!! Or, it is to-day, Wednesday. Who knows what will be happening by Monday when the paper is out? The drain in one of my cottages finally let go to-day. It was even warm enough for that. It hasn't been confirmed yet, but I am sure there will be no Ice Car Racing on the weekend. They only had four weeks of it so far unfortunately--last week being the best.

Sometimes it makes it complicated to write this column before the weekend. It is this time because I don't know the fate of Snowfest on Saturday. So much work had gone into it by so many and it was just what we needed!! I hope some events still happened and the spirit of it still prevails!!

I was out this evening having dinner at the Brown Owl and a lonely snowmobile went by in the parking lot desperately looking for some snow to run on. The season has been so short!!

A sound I usually hear much later has been happening the last few days; the snow and ice falling off the roof. The cat and I were sitting on the chair this afternoon when a huge racket occurred. We both jumped and ran to the window. I thought there had been a car crash; it was that loud. Nothing was there. Then I realized it was snow falling off the roof. No eavetroughs falling with it thank goodness!!

I wonder what March will bring??

One thing it will bring is the March meeting of the Minden and District Horticultural Society meeting on March 7 at 7:15 p.m. at the Minden Community Centre. More details in next week's column but the word is out, it will be all about pumpkins!!

I am enjoying the new 'Remembering When', column being written by John Hulbig. It is wonderful how John is remembering all the details of his and Minden's past. It is good to be reminded of, 'from whence we came'. I have always said I would have been a 'not so good' pioneer. The heavy work they had to do from morning to night would not have suited me!! I like my appliances!! Thank you John for your memories. You are giving us a glimpse into 'back then'!!

Here's a story which happened to me this week and which speaks of our present times and our 'appliances'. On Tuesday evening the phone rang about 9:00 p.m. A man's voice on the other

end of the line identified himself and asked if my name was Nora. He was calling from Seattle, Washington. He explained that back in the mid sixties he had attended my father's camp for about four years. The camp and my father had made a big impression on him. He felt his moral, ethical and spiritual life had begun there. Sitting out there in Seattle at his computer that evening, thinking about his childhood summers, he had punched in 'Comak' to see if he could find anything about it on the Internet. There was one response; a column I had written in the Minden Times in 1997. Now isn't that amazing?? I am thinking it must have been my first column in which I was introducing myself to you because in it I wrote about the insistence of my parents that I was not named after Lake St. Nora where Comak was located. This made the caller think that my name must be Nora. (my name isn't on the Internet column). I'm not clear how he got my phone number but he called. We were both amazed that this had happened; and so easily, thanks to the Internet!! He wants to bring his wife to see the place which made such an impression on him. Maybe next summer he will arrive on my doorstep!!

The present and the past all mixed up to together. Isn't life interesting??

The Festival of Faith 2000 committee is meeting at our Lady of Fatima Church on Wednesday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in this project is most welcome to attend. If you need more information please call 286-4834.

Anyone with a birthday tomorrow, best wishes. It must be a shock to age so quickly in one day!! To everyone have a fun Leap Year day and a good week!!

SCORING NEWS

Monday's Scores:

The Friendship Club, playing Euchre at St. Paul's, had its usual good time last Monday afternoon. Ellen Holden won the 50/50 draw and Esther Lee won lone hands. Iris Taylor and Kevin Maloney were the high scorers and Gladys Wruth and Ken Rowden were the lows. I am sure that Katie, Fern and Anne did their usual good organizing!!

Bid Euchre, at the Kinmount Legion, (which is held each week at 1:00 p.m.), saw Vic Ballik in first and Gladys Bowman in second. Ida Young (our correspondent) won two moon-

shots and Vera Crego won one!! Kit Schrotter won the draw.

In the evening, at Club 35, playing Euchre, the Kernohans and the Cowens showed a strong presence!! Ivan Kernohan and Pearl Kernohan won the 50/50 draw and low woman, respectively. Marjorie and Alvin Cowen were the high woman and man. Alf Whyman snuck in there to take lone hands; Paul Thompson to take low man and Barbara Gamble to take the baloney!!

Tuesday's Scores

(no returns from Senior Bid Euchre this week?)

Stanhope Bridge saw one small slam bid and made by Betty Roszell and Ross Fletcher. This is their second week in a row to accomplish this feat!! In third was Dorothy Thayer with 4480; in second Muriel McIntosh with 4690; and Ross Fletcher (the clever mind who thinks up all those Special Awards), first with 5650. There are lots of Special awards this week. First, June Branning won the K.A Award and Morris Hansen who had the dubious(!) score of 1,350 won the C.O.M.S. Award. Morris also had the honour of winning the one time award of Puss 'n Boots, as a card from one of the decks was missing that day and finally after much searching it was found in his boot!!

Tuesday evening in Lochlin,

George Bartley and Joan Ayres were the high scorers and Hazel Benetin and Audrey Vick were the lows. Gerald Hicks won lone hands and George Bartley slipped in there again to win the 50/50 draw.

Wednesday's Scores:

At Parklane, in the afternoon, playing Duplicate Bridge: Mayme Douglas and Nick Lehoczy were first with 62%; Ev and Fred Vanderland, second with 56%; and Ross Davies and Stella McMillan, third with 54%.

Bid Euchre at Stanhope in the evening saw Alf Whyman and Gala Stamp both winning two moonshots and Marion Hill, Alvin Cowen and Muriel Harrington all winning one. Sharon Evans finished with a score of 286, Alf Whyman, 287, Muriel Harrington, 293, Norm Lee, 294 and Alvin Cowen, 312!! Alvin's name is everywhere this week!!

Thursday's Scores

At the Minden Legion, playing Euchre in the evening, February 17, Pat Roussel and Jim Bradbury won most lone hands. Marie Dennie and Marcel Roussel were the high scorers and Verna McDonald and Gala Stamp were the lows. Lois Adamson and Ed Hisson won the other prizes.

Have a good week!! See you here next time!!

ANNOUNCEMENT



CIBC Minden Branch is pleased to announce the appointment of Kim Lewis to the position of Branch Manager. Kim has been the Customer Service Manager in Minden for the past three years and brings a total of 10 years banking experience to her new post. Ken Brooks will continue to service Small Business clients at the branch.

Looking for Red Cross Hospital information

Editor:

I am a PhD student at Queen's University in Kingston researching the history of the Canadian Red Cross outpost hospitals and nursing stations in Ontario.

As you no doubt know, the Red Cross operated a small hospital in Minden from 1955-1984, as well as at other places in the area (Apsley, Coe Hill, Whitney, Wilberforce, Haliburton). In order to preserve some of this history, I am hoping to talk with

former patients, nurses, doctors, Red Cross volunteers or any other people who were involved with these facilities.

I can be reached at: Jayne Elliott, 3349 Clearwater Cres. Ottawa, Ontario. K1V 7S4. Phone: 613-738-7414. email: jelliott@cyberus.ca

Jayne Elliott,
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Minden & District Horticultural Society
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That seem bleak.
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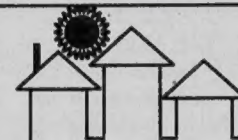
BIRTHS

And Last BUT Not Least... It's A GIRL!
STAMP: Tyler, Jessie, Boomer (Jeff) and Paula are thrilled to announce the four weeks early arrival of **SHELBY GALA** born February 9, 2000, 7:32 p.m. at Peterborough Civic Hospital weighing 4lbs 14oz. Proud grandparents are Mary Beaver and Joe Nicholson and Bud and Gala Stamp of Minden. Thanks you to Dr. Kramer, Jacob, Dr. Mann and his buns, Dr. Hughes and Dr. Heyes. To the nurses in Labour and Delivery and Special Care Nursery, what can I say - you girls are No. 1! Thank you to all who called, sent flowers and for the many gifts. A BIG thank you to Nana Beaver and Papa Joe, Nana Stamp and Papa Bud for looking after Boomer and the kids for me and to Aunt Cathy who got more than she bargained for. A very special thank you to Tyler and Jessie for being SO understanding while Mom stayed to fatten up Shelby and to Boomer for sticking by me once again. I Love You Man!

CARDS OF THANKS

The family of the late **Doris Cormack** wish to thank Dwaine and Molly of Haliburton Community Funeral Home for their support and sympathy. To the nurses of the Haliburton Hospital, Dr. Scott Coles and Dr. Karaguesian, Fran Greber and Gwen Walker and the staff at the Access Centre. Special thanks to Rev. Christopher Greaves for his caring, especially with her great grandson Michael. To Bill Glidden for his beautiful music and to my friend Marion for helping with lunch. Special thanks also to Campbell's Flower Shop for the beautiful flowers.
Bob & Joan Mann and Family.

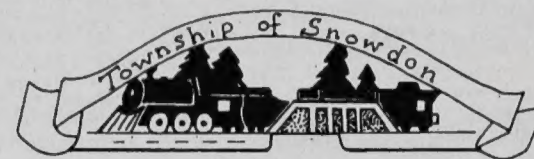
I would like to thank everyone who helped me through the loss of our dear friend, Terry Campbell. To the Padre for his kind words, Maurice and Lois for putting up with me and Dave for stepping in and doing his job so well. Thanks,
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File # RD-4/99

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The Proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its Regular Meeting at the Municipal Office, located three miles south of Minden on Highway #35, on the 9th day of March, 2000, at the hour of 4:00 p.m. and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

Dated at the Township of Lutterworth this 7th day of February, 2000.
(Ms.) Mary Jane Irwin, A.M.C.T.,
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I wish to thank all my friends and neighbours for their support and kindness, lovely cards, flowers and goodies during my illness. A special thank you to Lois, Letha and Marie.
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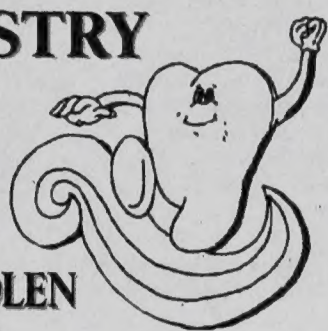
Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Thursday, February 24th, 2000. In her 80th year. Beloved wife of the late Robert James Hughes. Dear mother of Beth and her husband Dave Titus, Lynn and her husband Wayne Cox, Dana and her husband Warren Mann, Joyce and her husband the late Blake Hughes and Jill Brown. Loving grandmother of Carol Ann, Robbie, Amy, Rachel, Meghan and Orie. Sadly missed by her sisters Lenore Prentice and Bessie Godin. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. on Friday. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Saturday, February 26th, 2000 at 11 a.m. Spring Interment at the Minden Cemetery. Reception followed at the Minden United Church (downstairs). Memorial Donations to the Hyland Crest Donation Fund (Re: X'N Flex Machine) would be appreciated by the family.

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